

Hawaiian Gazette.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, October 17.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .00. Temperature, Max. 80; Min. 73. Weather, fair.

SUGAR.—66 Degree Centrifugals, 3.90c. Per Ton, \$78.00. 88 Analysis Beets, 9s. 4½d.; Per Ton, \$79.20.

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MAY RETURN DIAMOND HEAD AND PUNCHBOWL LANDS TO TERRITORY

Army Board Holds Three Days' Session to Decide on Local Property Needed for All Military Purposes Around City.

The matter of returning part of the land which has been set aside by proclamation of President Roosevelt, for coast defense purposes on Punchbowl and Diamond Head, has been carefully considered in this city during the past three days by an army board specially appointed for the purpose. The members of the board—Major S. W. Dunning, Twentieth Infantry, president; Major John Ruckman, Coast Artillery; Quartermaster Captain E. H. Humphrey, Captain Robert M. Blanchard, Assistant Surgeon, and Captain Otwell, U. S. Engineer Corps called on Governor Frear yesterday morning in order that they might ascertain the views of the Territorial officials in regard to what land was desired and for what purposes.

The members of the board refuse, according to custom, to give out anything whatever in regard to their deliberations or in regard to the decisions which they have reached. They state that all information in this regard must come from the War Department, and that they have no right to say anything with reference to the matter until the report has been completed and forwarded to Washington. This is, of course, following the regular army rule.

It may be stated, however, and with little fear of contradiction on the part of anyone, that the board's decision will recommend that part of the land which has been taken over through the order of the President be returned to the Territory. How much land this will mean, and its location, can not be stated and is known only to the members of the army board.

That the work on the fortifications around this city is attracting a great deal of attention from the War Department is certain, not only from the fact of the board mentioned being sent here, but on account of the fact that Lieut.-Col. Frederick V. Abbot, the assistant of the Chief of Engineers of the U. S. Army, has been in this city for several days, consulting with Captain Otwell in regard to the work which is to be done. The fact that an officer of Colonel Abbot's position has been sent here, shows the importance in which the local work is considered in Washington.

Every branch of the army which is likely to be stationed in this city is represented on the board which is here at present and which completed its labors yesterday noon. The likely locations for barracks, hospital, coast defense guns, encampments of infantry, supplies of all kinds, were considered and the matter dealt with in the thorough way which such subjects are assured of receiving when handled by the army officers.

Governor Frear would not speak of the matter or of the object of the call on him early in the day by the members of the Military Board, saying that he did not feel at liberty to discuss what was his matter rather than his.

However, the reservation of both the Punchbowl and the Diamond Head lands was not by proclamation, but simply by executive order withdrawing them from any other disposition until it could be determined just what parts of them would be needed for military purposes. The lands determined to be so needed will probably be now reserved by proclamation, and those not needed will be returned to the control of the Territory.

NO TONG FIGHT AS EXPECTED

Police on Hand, but the Row Did Not Take Place—Chinese Are Excited.

The members of the special police were out in force last night at the Chinese theater on Hotel street, word having reached them that another tong fight was about to break out. There was nothing worse during the performance, however, than the discords of the orchestra, the show passing off without any trouble and with a somewhat smaller audience in the pit than usual.

The information that had reached the police was to the effect that the members of two rival tongs had armed themselves and were preparing to lay each other out with brass knuckles and pieces of gas pipe, the latter to be brought to the theater last night wrapped up in newspapers so as to appear innocent packages. It is thought that the information was trustworthy, as the Chinese have been acting suspiciously for some few days and the two tongs in particular holding almost continuous sessions in their halls, debating excitedly over something deemed to be of importance. Just what the row is all about this time has not been learned, but the matter had gone so far in the arrangements made that one tong had sounded a prominent Chinese business man with a view to seeing that bail for a number of the tong hatchmen would be forthcoming as soon as the emergency arose to get them out of jail.

The capitalist approached, however, advised the tongmen to keep out of trouble and to avoid violence if possible, refusing to put up the money at all to get whoever might fall foul of the police out of their clutches. For the present, then, it would seem that the expected trouble has blown over.

THE SOCIALISTS ARE ORGANIZED

Branch of National Party Is Formed by Honolulu Adherents.

Socialism is now an organized entity in Honolulu, under the system of the national body. The following particulars have been furnished by the secretary, who explains to the Advertiser, in answer to an inquiry, that the list of officers elected is withheld from publication until their acceptances have all been received:

"The Socialist movement has in the last two decades assumed such enormous dimensions that it is now attracting the widest attention in all civilized countries, but up to the present it has not been represented in this community except by individuals. A number of these have now come together and organized a local branch of the national party, with headquarters at J. I. Wittle's paint-shop, on Union street, makai of Dreier Hall. There they hold meetings every Friday at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of discussing 'Socialism' in its many phases. They have adopted the method peculiar to Socialists of inviting adverse criticism at their meetings and to have a free platform for the benefit of anyone who may disagree with their views.

"There is also the nucleus of a library, and all those in quest of information may avail themselves of the opportunity afforded."

AUDITOR FISHER IS BACK.

Territorial Auditor Fisher, who has been spending the last two weeks in Hilo and Waimea, Hawaii, on official business, returned yesterday morning on the Helene.

LOSING GAME FOR TWENTY YEARS

Lunalilo Estate's Story of the Taro Flour Industry.

Judge De Bolt yesterday approved the master's report of the accounts and reports of the trustees of the estate of W. C. Lunalilo for the year ending July 31, 1907. A fee of seventy-five dollars was ordered paid by the estate to the master, Job Batchelor.

An interesting part of the report is a history of a loan of \$4000 originally made to the Alden Fruit & Taro Company for the purpose of enabling it to start and carry on the taro flour industry, which the report states it was thought could be developed into a big thing.

The original debtors and quite a distinguished line of successors have, according to the report, tried in vain to make the enterprise a paying one, and finally the mortgage on the security for the loan, or what was left of the security, has been foreclosed and \$640.78 has been realized, and the balance of the debt has been written off. The original loan was to the Alden Fruit & Taro Company, August 2, 1886. Then King Kalakaua and Antone Rosa came into the enterprise. Then Daniels, Kepoikai and Holt took it off their hands and organized the Hawaiian Fruit & Taro Company. In 1891 E. H. Bailey, of Wailuku, thought there was money in the business and put \$4500 of his own in without getting any out. In 1896 T. W. Hobron, thought he saw a line of money in it and his astigmatism in respect of it cost him \$6000.

But that was nothing to what the same kind of defective financial vision cost Dr. Wile, of Connecticut. Dr. Wile visited in Hawaii two or three times, and became acquainted with taro and poi, and he fell in love with both. He undertook to make the American people acquainted with this "nature's food," and it cost him \$60,000.

The Lunalilo estate has pocketed its loss of something like \$2400 in the twenty-year experiment and Luttich has the tinned poi field to himself.

The total receipts of the estate for the year were \$26,654.05 and the total disbursements \$24,925.53. The reduction in the rate of interest on Wailuku bonds is responsible for a part of the reduction of income.

The expenses of the Lunalilo Home for the year were: Running expenses, \$8747.30; care of grounds, \$1010.10; medical attendance and medicine, \$403.78; stables and carriages, \$670.95; repairs, \$283.94; total, \$11,116.07. The expenses of the estate in general were \$2017.09, making total expenses for the year of \$13,133.16, against a total income of \$11,167.90, an excess of expenses of \$1965.26 over income.

At the Lunalilo Home the largest number of inmates during the year was 58. There were admitted during the year 9 males and 1 female; there died during the year 11 males; there were discharged during the year 3 males; there are now in the home 32 males and 20 females. The daily average in the Home has been 54.55.

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IS SPRECKELS MAKING A WILL?

Complete Inventory of Hawaii Property Being Made.

Is Claus Spreckels preparing to make his will? Or is the information being secured merely to enable the new manager of his affairs, to know the exact condition of all of Claus Spreckels' business in these islands, the particular pieces of property he owns, and how he came to own them?

The fee book in the office of the Registrar of Conveyances shows entries of copies of something like two hundred and fifty conveyances of property from and to Claus Spreckels, John D. Spreckels, Claus Spreckels & Company, W. G. Irwin and W. G. Irwin & Co. It would seem as though these were copies of every instrument affecting land in which Claus Spreckels had ever had any interest in these islands.

The fee book shows that these copies were ordered by or charged to J. H. Sandford, who has been spoken of as Claus Spreckels' secretary. J. H. Sandford and G. W. Reynolds, both of San Francisco and both known to be employed in the Spreckels' interests, have been here for several weeks making some sort of examination and research into the Spreckels interests in these islands. Just what their mission is has been known to no one outside of the Spreckels and Irwin interests. Merchant street has been consumed with a thirst to know just what they were here for. As one denizen of that street said, "They are finding out all about everybody else, but nobody else can find out anything about them."

The books and papers of Claus Spreckels & Company's Bank, and of W. G. Irwin & Company seem to have been open to them for examination. They have the open sesame to all that the records and accounts of the Spreckels enterprises can disclose. Saying nothing to anybody of who they were, what they were doing or why, Messrs. Sandford and Reynolds have gone about their business like men who knew exactly what they wanted, had full authority to go where they chose, and had no doubt of their ability to accomplish what they set out to do. They have been here nearly three months.

Apparently their work has been such as would enable a complete inventory of the Spreckels property interests in these islands to be made, and a complete auditing from the beginning of those interests, to be had, and almost a complete history of the transactions to be made.

In connection with the visit and work here of these two men an interesting story comes from the Coast. It is to the effect that John D. Spreckels, who for years was his father's favorite son and business confidant, and who had practical control of all details of the father's affairs, has been displaced. He no longer holds the same business relations to his father that he did. He does not control his father's affairs as he did.

Rudolph Spreckels is now the power behind the throne. He is the favorite son and his father's business confidant.

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WILL STUDY RUBBER INDUSTRY IN CEYLON



F. T. P. WATERHOUSE.

It is probable that F. T. P. Waterhouse will be sent shortly to Ceylon to look into the rubber industry on behalf of the Territorial government and the Hawaiian Rubber Growers' Association. He will be commissioned as a government agent and will act under a commission to be issued to him by the Board of Agriculture and Forestry, by whom a part of his expenses will be paid, the remainder being promised by the rubber growers.

Mr. Waterhouse is to go prepared to go into the study of the industry thoroughly and will spend time enough in the southern island to secure all the information possible, information which is expected to be of the greatest benefit to those engaged in the new industry here.

WORLD'S NEWS CONDENSED

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

VIENNA, October 15.—A slight increase of fever has been noted by the physicians attending the Emperor. It was stated yesterday that any immediate danger of the death of the Emperor was passed. This morning, however, the fever has increased.

BARCELONA, October 15.—Heavy floods are causing great suffering in this vicinity. Five people have been drowned and thirty thousand are deprived of the means of livelihood on account of the rising waters.

TANGIER, Morocco, October 15.—Mulai Haig, at the head of eight thousand troops, is marching on Casablanca.

SHREWSBURY, October 15.—A train on the London & Northwestern Railway was derailed near here today. Sixteen were killed.

MANILA, October 16.—The reception to Secretary Taft was begun yesterday by a water parade, which went out to meet the vessel bringing the Secretary of War to the Philippines. Headed by the Governor the paraders escorted the guest of honor to the Palace, where troops had been drawn up. At the Palace the official welcome was given by the Governor of the Philippines and the Mayor of Manila.

No liquors will be served at any of the functions given at the Palace in honor of the Secretary, this being his own request.

FONTANET, Indiana, October 16.—Out of a total population of one thousand in this town six hundred were injured yesterday through the explosion at the works of the Dupont Powder Company, one magazine containing forty thousand barrels of powder going off in one fearful blast.

The list of dead so far as known now is between twenty-five and thirty persons and many of the injured are in serious condition.

The town itself was practically demolished as a result of the explosion, nearly every building being levelled. Many of the injured received their hurts by being caught in the falling structures.

NEW YORK, October 16.—Captain Ronald Amundsen, the Danish Arctic explorer who made the trip from Christiania across the Arctic ocean and through the Northwest passage in the sloop Gjoa, arriving on the coast in the spring of 1906, will make a dash for the North Pole, beginning in 1910. He will begin now to lay his plans for the undertaking.

ALBANY, New York, October 16.—An unusually violent and prolonged earthquake was recorded by the seismograph here today. The disturbance was apparently about three thousand miles to the southwest. The continued heavy tremors were recorded, also, at Washington, D. C., and elsewhere. The various seismographs agree that the violent vibrations began about 9:14 o'clock this morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 16.—Fremont Older, editor of the Bulletin, who was kidnapped by Attorney Porter Ashe and Detective Burns and others, has instituted suit for damages in the sum of \$100,250 against those implicated in spiriting him away.

MANILA, October 16.—Secretary of War Taft, welcomed here yesterday with all honors, today formally opened the Philippine Assembly.

PARIS, October 16.—Disastrous storms are occurring in Southern Europe, and a number of lives have been lost.

MANILA, October 17.—Osmena, ex-governor of the province of Cebu, was elected president of the Philippine assembly after the formal opening exercises, presided over by Secretary of War Taft.

Secretary Taft, in the speech made by him before the assembly, stated that his views regarding the ultimate independence of the Philippines were unchanged, but he said that he did not believe that the Filipinos would be fitted for entire self-government and independence during the present generation. He denied that the United States had any intention of disposing of the Philippine Islands by sale to any foreign power. He expressed his belief that the Filipino members of the Legislature would be conservative in whatever legislation was enacted.

SEOUL, Korea, October 17.—The Japanese Crown Prince was welcomed on his arrival here yesterday by the Korean Emperor and the Korean nobility, the city being illuminated in honor of the royal visitor.

A British editor of one of the publications here was arrested before the reception for having incited the Koreans to riot as a protest against the Japanese occupation of the Kingdom. He was warned that any repetition of the offense would bring about his deportation.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 17.—Charles M. Schwab, director of the United States Steel Corporation, arrived here yesterday from New York to make an inspection of the Union Iron Works with a view of a possible closing up of these works. He declares that the works have lost two million dollars in their contracts for the last three warships turned out.

TOKIO, October 17.—The Japanese Diet has been summoned to meet on Christmas day.

BARCELONA, October 17.—The damage done throughout Spain by the recent floods has amounted to sixteen million dollars. WASHINGTON, October 17.—The seismograph at this place recorded an earthquake shock this morning at 6 o'clock.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 17.—The second trial of Attorney Tiley L. Ford of the United Railroads for bribery which has just been begun, Supervisor Phillips this morning testified on the stand that he had received from Ford \$4000 for his vote on the trolley franchise shortly after the big fire.

MANILA, October 17.—Secretary of War Taft is being lavishly entertained in this city by all departments. In the Assembly, opened by the Secretary of War, there is a clash between Osmena, ex-governor of the province of Cebu, who was elected President of the Assembly, and Dominador Gomez, Filipino leader.

TOKIO, October 18.—Much gratification is expressed here at the prompt action taken by the police of San Francisco in protecting the Japanese attacked by the mob in the recent disorder.

HOUSTON, Texas, October 18.—A private bank closed its doors here yesterday.

NEW YORK, October 17.—The Otto Heinze Company of brokers today suspended business. F. Augustus Heinze has resigned the presidency.

The Mercantile National Bank and Haller Soehle Company, bankers of Hamburg, Germany, have failed, and the State Savings Bank, of Butte, Montana, has suspended, all as a result of the unprecedented slump in copper.

HAMBURG, October 18.—The firm of Haller Soehle has failed for seven millions.

NAPLES, October 18.—Vesuvius has broken out again into violent activity and the people of the surrounding districts are in a panic, fearing a repetition of the disasters which followed the last outbreak of the volcano.

PARIS, October 18.—The floods have made torrents of all the rivers in the southern part of France, the swollen streams damaging bridges and railroad embankments and completely disorganizing the railroad service.

BERLIN, October 18.—The Kaiser has ordered that prayers be made throughout the Empire for the safe accompaniment of the Crown Princess.